



April 19, 2010

TO: SUD Treatment Providers

FROM: Business Psychology Associates (BPA)

RE: Intravenous Drug Users (IVDUs) Admission as a priority population

In continued efforts to address both the budget deficits and continue to meet the Federal Block Grant Requirements, effective Monday April 19, 2010, BPA will utilize the following steps for clients who meet eligibility requirements under the IVDU priority population:

1. Authorization vouchers generated for IVDU clients will be for 'assessment only' with a start date of **6/01/10** *(See attached example)* If you receive an authorization, please do not schedule the client for an appointment taking place before the authorization start date.
2. BPA will provide referrals for interim services and community resources at the time of the telephone screening
3. Assessments conducted after June 1<sup>st</sup> will go through the normal BPA review process of the GRRS to identify clients who meet clinical necessity criteria. All treatment authorization vouchers will have a start date of **7/01/10** *(see attached example)*

BPA will continue to offer clients choice at the time of the screening call. Providers will receive an assessment voucher or treatment voucher with the authorization start dates as listed above. It is imperative that all agencies pay close attention to the authorization start dates as any services provided prior to the authorization start date are not covered and will not be reimbursed.

This change is necessary to meet the Federal Block Grant requirements for treatment of the IVDU client population. In addition to assessment delays, IVDU clients who are currently in treatment may be subject to waitlists if they need to transfer to a high level of care.

BPA would like to acknowledge and express our appreciation to the provider network for working diligently with us to address the budget shortfalls. We are hopeful that the many changes that have taken place will achieve positive results while minimizing the impact to the clients being served.

Thank you

Business Psychology Associates